

APPENDIX

This appendix contains listings for functions and data structures in C programming language, for use in a rover in an embodiment of the invention such as described above. The functions typical would be periodically executed in a 5 rover to check any alert conditions of entries in a proximity queue and update the proximity queue to remove expired entries.

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/* prx_alrt.c */  

/* Function calls for proximity alert monitoring in the */  

/* rover. */  

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15 #include "rover_ds.h"  

  

#define D_HYSTERESIS (float) 0.2 // 10% either side hysteresis  

// for points tripping in either  

// direction  

20 #define TRIP_HYSTERESIS_TIME 120 // seconds  

  

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// Function to check for tripping of entries in the ordered  

25 // proximity queue, and deleting any expired points. This  

// function would typically be called every 10 seconds  

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void check_ordered_proximity(long current_lat, long current_lon,  

    ULONG current_time){  

30     t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;  

short need_resort;  

  

    need_resort = 0; // assume we don't need to resort the queue  

35     p_entry = ordered_proximity_queue; // point at head of queue  

  

    // first check for empty queue  

    if(p_entry->tag_id){  

        // check the head of the queue to see if it was tripped  

40        // see listing below for check_point_tripped function  

        if(check_point_tripped(p_entry, current_time)){  

            need_resort = 1;
        }
    }
  

45    // check the remainder of the queue to see if any points  

    // have time expired  

    for(i=1;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){  

        p_entry = &ordered_proximity_queue[i];
        // check for time expiry of point
50        if((p_entry->tag_id) &&
            (p_entry->expiry_time < current_time)){
            // delete point (set to all zero)
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
            need_resort = 1;
        }
    }
  

    if(need_resort){ // resort the queue
        // sort by E.T.A. (smallest ETA at top of list),

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        // placing empty entries at end of queue.
        sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue);
    }
}

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// Function to check for tripping of entries in the unordered
// proximity queue, and deleting any expired points. This
10 // function would typically be called every 30 seconds
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void check_unordered_proximity(long current_lat, long_current_lon,
                               ULONG current_time){

15 t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

    // go through all points in queue checking for trip
    for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &unordered_proximity_queue[i];           // point at entry
20        // check for empty entry
        if(p_entry->tag_id){
            // see listing below for check_point_tripped function
            check_point_tripped(p_entry, current_time); // check entry
        }
    }

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// Function to check data in a point, and add to the
30 // appropriate queue, resorting if necessary.
// Returns 0 if successful, 1 if point bad, -1 if queue full
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short add_new_point(t_proximity_Q_entry *pnew_entry,
                    ULONG current_time){

35 short return_val;
t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

    return_val = 0;
40    // check that expiry time has not already been met,
    // that non-zero tag_id was assigned and that
    // will trip on at least one day
    if( (pnew_entry->expiry_time < current_time) ||
        (pnew_entry->tag_id == 0) || (pnew_entry->days_to_trip == 0) ){
        printf("Attempt to add expired/null tag entry to prox Q\n");
        return(1); // point data was bad
    }

50    // Also need to check for duplicate tag_id :
    // especially if resynchronizing with server
    // If duplicate is found then delete it.
    for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
55        // identical tag_id indicates duplicate point
        if( (p_entry->tag_id == pnew_entry->tag_id) ){
            // delete existing entry
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        }
    }

60    for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
65        // identical tag_id indicates duplicate point
        if( (p_entry->tag_id == pnew_entry->tag_id) ){
            // delete existing entry
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        }
    }
}

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    }

// Now determine which queue entry must be added to
// if trip_when_head is set then add to the ordered Q
5   // so that point is only monitored when head of queue.
// if trip_when_head == 0 then add to unordered queue
// for constant monitoring.
if(pnew_entry->trip_when_head){

10    // add entry to ordered queue
     for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
         p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
         if(p_entry->tag_id){ // queue entry is in-use
             continue;
15        } else {
             // add entry to the queue
             memcpy(p_entry, pnew_entry, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
             // resort the queue
             sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue);
20             return(0); // success
         }
     }

25    } else {
        // add entry to unordered queue
        for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
            if(p_entry->tag_id){ // queue entry is in-use
                continue;
30            } else {
                // add entry to the queue
                memcpy(p_entry, pnew_entry, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
                return(0); // success
            }
        }
    }
    return(-1); // indicate queue was full
}

40 //*****
// Function to find a point in one of the queues and
// delete it. Allows server to delete points for
// whatever reason. Zero tag id indicates delete all points.
// Returns 0 if successful, 1 if point not found
45 //*****
short delete_existing_point(ULONG match_tag_id){

50    short return_val;
    t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry;

    return_val = 1; // assume failure
    // this flag allows server to specify deletion of
    // all proximity points from both queues
    if(match_tag_id == 0){
55        memset(ordered_proximity_queue, 0x00,
                 SIZE_ORDERED_PROX_Q*sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry) );
        memset(unordered_proximity_queue, 0x00,
                 SIZE_UNORDERED_PROX_Q*sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry) );
        return_val = 0;
    }

60    }

    // else find point in either queue : if found then delete
    else {
        for(i=0;i<SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
            p_entry = &(ordered_proximity_queue[i]);
            // if queue entry is in-use
            if(p_entry->tag_id == match_tag_id){
                // delete entry from the queue

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        memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
        sort_by_ETA(ordered_proximity_queue); // sort by ETA
        return_val = 0;
        break;
    }
}
if(return_val){
    for(i=0;i<SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q;i++){
        p_entry = &(unordered_proximity_queue[i]);
        // if queue entry is in-use
        if(p_entry->tag_id == match_tag_id){
            // delete entry from the queue
            memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
            return_val = 0;
            break;
        }
    }
}
return(return_val);
}

/****************************************/
// Function to check whether point is tripped/expired.
// If point is deleted then non-zero is returned, otherwise
// function returns zero.
/****************************************/
short check_point_tripped(t_proximity_Q_entry *p_entry,
    ULONG current_time){
ULONG distance = 0; // records current distance
ULONG inner_radius, outer_radius; // used to implement hysteresis
short return_val; // 1 if point was deleted
short point_tripped; // 1 if point is tripped
return_val = 0;
point_tripped = 0;

// check for time expiry of point
if(p_entry->expiry_time < current_time){
    // delete point (set to all zero)
    memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry));
    return(1);
}
// Next check that it is a sufficiently long time since the
// point was last tripped
if ((current_time - p_entry->time_last_tripped) <
    TRIP_HYSTERESIS_TIME ){
    // still within hysteresis time : just return
    return(0);
}

// If you get to here then need to check for tripping of point
// calculate current distance from point
distance = calculate_distance( current_lat, current_lon,
    p_entry->center_lat, p_entry->center_lon);

// allow a stage hysteresis where delete_when_tripped == 0
// to prevent multiple rapid alerts for rover moving
// tangentially to radius.
if( delete_when_tripped == 0x00 ){
    inner_radius = p_entry->radius * ( 1 - D_HYSTERESIS/2 );
    outer_radius = p_entry->radius * ( 1 + D_HYSTERESIS/2 );
} else {
    // use unadulterated value if point will be deleted when tripped
    inner_radius = p_entry->radius;
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        outer_radius = p_entry->radius;
    }

// look for perimeter being traversed by an approaching
5   // rover. The previous cross of the perimeter must have
// been in the opposite direction (to add hysteresis).
if( (distance < inner_radius) && // current dist < radius
    ( (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == RECEDING) ||
      (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == NOT_YET_CROSSED) ) ){
10
    // record that the perimeter has been broken in this direction
    // this is used for future hysteresis calculations
    p_entry->direction_last_crossed = APPROACHING;

15   // check if entry is activated by traverse in this direction
    if(p_entry->trip_direction & APPROACHING)
        point_trippped = 1;

20
} else

25   // look for perimeter being traversed by a receding
// rover. The previous cross of the perimeter must have
// been in the opposite direction (to add hysteresis)
if( (distance > inner_radius) && // current dist > radius
    ( (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == APPROACHING) ||
      (p_entry->direction_last_crossed == NOT_YET_CROSSED) ) ){
30
    // record that the perimeter has been broken in this direction
    // this is used for future hysteresis calculations
    p_entry->direction_last_crossed = RECEDEDING;

35   // check if entry is activated by traverse in this direction
    if(p_entry->trip_direction & RECEDEDING)
        point_trippped = 1;

40
} //check for tripping of point
if(point_trippped){
    tx_prox_alert(p_entry->tag_id); // transmit alert to server

    // check if point must be deleted
    if(delete_when_trippped){
        memset(p_entry, 0x00, sizeof(t_proximity_Q_entry)); // kill
45        return_val = 1; // so that calling function can resort
    }
}

50   return(return_val);

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*****/*
/* rover_ds.h
/* Datastructure definitions for the rover for proximity */
/* alert indications.
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60   typedef unsigned long ULONG; // 32 bit unsigned integer
typedef unsigned short WORD; // 16 bit unsigned integer
typedef unsigned char BYTE; // 8 bit unsigned integer

65   // Bit patterns for days_to_trip field
#define BP_SUNDAY 0x01
#define BP_MONDAY 0x02
#define BP_TUESDAY 0x04
#define BP_WEDNESDAY 0x08
#define BP_THURSDAY 0x10

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#define BP_FRIDAY 0x20
#define BP_SATURDAY 0x40

// Bit patterns for direction variables
5 #define APPROACHING 0x01
#define RECEDING 0x02
#define NOT_YET_CROSSED 0x00

10 //***** Proximity queue entry *****/
// Examples of field combinations for typical applications :
//
// For home / warehouse delivery :
// center_lat, lon = destination
// expiry_time = end of today
15 // radius = 1-10 miles (in meters)
// estimated_time_arrival = set by dispatcher reflects delivery order.
// delete_when_tripped = 1
// trip_when_head = 1
// trip_direction = APPROACHING
20 // Days to trip = either set to today, or to 0xFF
// Description = customer name, address, order number
//
// For stolen vehicle alarm : (vehicle in normal use Mon-Fri)
// center_lat, lon = truck depot
25 // expiry_time = 0xFFFFFFFF
// radius = X miles (in meters)
// estimated_time_arrival = N/A since trip_when_head = 0
// delete_when_tripped = 0
// trip_when_head = 0 always trip
30 // trip_direction = 0x02 when receding, or 0x03 either direction
// Days to trip = 0x41 (binary) 01000001 (Sat and Sun)
// Description = Stolen vehicle alarm (threshold distance + days)
//
35 // When downloading points from the server to the rover the data
// packet must give a value for each of these fields. It is expected
// that the data structure in the server is a superset of the
// information in the data structure presented here.
// The server would store all information below, and would additionally
// store the contact information for the alert, whether, e-mail,
40 // telephone call, of page etc. The server could additionally link
// this data to a database of customer orders, the format of which is
// beyond the scope of this file.
//
45 typedef struct proximity_Q_entry{
    ULONG tag_id; // uniquely identifies an alert : 0 equals empty Q
entry
    char description[SZ_PRX_TXT]; // for use of the driver
    long center_lat; // latitude of destination in MAS
    long center_lon; // longitude of destination in MAS
    ULONG radius; // radius of trip in meters
    // all times in seconds, relative to 0/0/97
    ULONG estimated_time_arrival; // used for sorting points in queue
    ULONG expiry_time; // point is deleted at this time
    BYTE delete_when_tripped; // if 1 then point is deleted when tripped
                                // if 0 then point deleted at expiry time
only
    BYTE trip_when_head; // if 1 then point is only tripped when top of
queue
    // if 0 then point is tripped whenever crossed
    BYTE trip_direction; // 0x01 : trip when rover is approaching
                        // 0x02 : trip when rover is receding
                        // 0x03 : trip in both directions
    BYTE days_to_trip; // bit field for 7 days of week, Sun-Sat
65
    // These final fields are not be downloaded from the server.
    // They are used locally in the rover to generate hysteresis
    // to prevent multiple trips on a point in rapid succession.

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// Hysteresis values may or may not be sent from the server
// on a per-entry basis.
5    ULONG time_last_tripped; // time hysteresis
    BYTE direction_last_crossed; // direction in which rover was moving
                                // when perimeter was last crossed
                                // 0x01 : approaching
                                // 0x02 : receding
                                // 0x00 : has never been tripped (init)
10   } t_proximity_Q_entry;
15   // Extern declarations for two queues :
   // one for points with trip_when_head == 1 (i.e. only check top entry)
   // the second for points with trip_when_head == 0 (i.e. check every entry)
   extern t_proximity_Q_entry ordered_proximity_queue[SZ_ORDERED_PROX_Q];
   extern t_proximity_Q_entry unordered_proximity_queue[SZ_UNORDERED_PROX_Q];
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